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A WAR CLOUD.

Henry Watterson Denounces Speaker Crisp's Course.

PERSONAL AGGRANDIZEMENT

And Factional Power, and Not a Friendly Rivalry.

CONTROLS THE SPEAKER'S ACTS.

His Organization of the House is an Actual Revolution and Splits the Democratic Party--If Crisp is Allowing Himself to be Used as a Tool to Further Governor Hill's Presidential Aspirations He is False to His Party and May Live to Regret His Election--Strong Words from the Famous Southern Democratic Leader and Editor--A Significant Editorial.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 23.--The Courier Journal (Dem.) of to-morrow morning will contain an elaborate review of the speaker and his committee.

Among others, Mr. Watterson will say: "For the first time in the history of the Democratic party in Congress is the principle laid down that the organization of the house is a matter not of friendly rivalry among friends, but of personal aggrandizement and factional power. A stronger man than Mr. Crisp might have paused before giving himself and his party over to the assertion of this. Indeed, we had hoped for better things. No one will deny the right of Mr. Crisp to make his own committee. But when he fixes the rule of his arrangement to reward those who supported him and punish his opponents, and in doing this sends the tried men of the house to the rear and brings the untied men to the front, the country and the party have the right to hold him to a very rigid accountability for the consequences. If the results vindicate his forecast, well and good. If they fail to do so, which seems only too likely, he will live to regret his own election."

The following estimate of Mr. Springer is made:

"Naturally, the reconstruction of the ways and means committee monopolizes public attention and interest."

"The selection of Mr. Springer for chairman would not be a happy one if there were nothing back of it. But with the incidents of the caucus fresh in the minds of the people it is positively unfortunate, exposing both the speaker and the chairman to whatever the ill-disposed see fit to say about them, and thus giving the cause of tariff reform a black eye on the threshold of a presidential campaign."

"For Mr. Springer, personally, as we have repeatedly observed, we entertain nothing but friendly sentiments. He is a man of exceeding earnestness and activity. He is a Democrat without a flaw. Two elements of leadership he undoubtedly possesses--intrepidity and self-confidence."

"His selection smacks too much of the discharge of an obligation and a pretext to turn down and degrade a man who has done eminent work in a great movement, and who has engaged the confidence of Democrats everywhere."

Of the possible bearing on national affairs outside of Congress, Mr. Watterson says: "We shall not believe until we know more than we know now, that this reconstruction of the ways and means committee has been made with purpose to be little and subordinate the cause of tariff reform by intrusting it to inexperienced or inferior hands. We have thus far relied upon the assurance of Mr. Crisp on that point. But if it should turn out that these have been carefully framed to mislead, and that the extraordinary disclosures of the current week point, as has been intimated, to a deal of the regulation New York pattern between the new speaker and his immediate backers, and Governor Hill and his immediate backers, by which Democratic principles are to be sacrificed to a congressional and presidential bargain, then, indeed, will the hosts of Democracy rise in their might and in their wrath scatter these impious despoilers of truth and faith like a herd of cattle. The future alone can determine this. Much will depend on the course of the ways and means committee."

"But the present is no time for wasting words, it is a time for plain talk. The speaker's organization of the house is a revolution both theoretic and actual. It is experiment of which successes and failures are yet to be tested. It starts out with the clear and almost universal distrust of Democrats in every part of the union. The overcoming of this and establishing its claim to public confidence can only be achieved by the display of great earnestness, perfect fidelity and undeniable competency."

More Duty on Tin Wanted.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.--An afternoon paper prints a long article to the effect that the meeting of the tin plate manufacturers association, which is to be held here in January, was called for the purpose of preparing a bill to be presented to Congress, increasing the import duty on tin one cent per pound. It is alleged that as the tariff now stands the duty is insufficient to afford adequate protection, as it leaves an opening for old established tin plate factories in the old world to deluge the American market at a time when such action would be decidedly detrimental to the industry.

Pennsylvania Company's Business. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.--Statement of the business of all of the Pennsylvania railroad company's lines:

All lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie for November, 1891, as compared with the same month in last year, shows an increase in the gross earnings of \$34,858; an increase in expenses of \$210,619; a decrease in net earnings of \$175,761.

All lines west of Pittsburgh and Erie for November, 1891, as compared with the same month in last year, shows an increase in gross earnings of \$181,124; a decrease in expenses of \$38,498; an increase in net earnings of \$210,622.

B. & O. FREIGHT WRECK

Near Fairmont--Valuable Barn and Contents Burned.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., Dec. 23.--This morning at 3 a. m., as freight train No. 92, east-bound, on the Baltimore & Ohio, was passing Barnesville an axle on one of the cars broke, tearing up the track for quite a distance, derailing two cars loaded with wheat and damaging the telegraph wires to a considerable extent, delaying traffic several hours. All of the trainmen escaped injury.

On Monday night a large barn belonging to Thomas Page, of Rivesville, was entirely destroyed by fire. There were thirteen head of horses in the barn at the time, but they were saved. A large amount of hay and grain were consumed. Loss about \$1,000; no insurance.

New Bank at Weston.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 23.--The Citizens' Bank of Weston was chartered to-day by the secretary of state to do a general banking business, buying and selling gold and silver, United States and other bonds, and generally doing such business as is usually conducted by a bank of discount and deposit. Its principal office is at Weston. Capital subscribed, twenty-five thousand dollars, and ten per cent paid in, with a privilege to increase to one hundred thousand dollars. The shares are one hundred dollars each and are held by J. S. Vandervort and others, of Weston.

THE TROUBLE WITH CHILE.

The Associated Press Correspondent Confirms Reports of Riot.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 23.--Correspondence of the Associated Press from Santiago, Chile, under date of November 21, says the feeling against the Americans is so strong that ever since the Congressional party came into power, the majority of the people are disposed to regard the killing of a few American sailors as a very trifling affair, and express much surprise that the United States should have taken official notice of the matter, which they speak of lightly as a sailor's fight. Reports of the Intendente, of Valparaiso, says there were 2,000 men engaged in this "sailors fight." He gives this figure to show the police were powerless to quell the disturbance. As a matter of fact there was not any where near half that number and the police found ample opportunity to stop the trouble. For some time following the attack there was a strong feeling among the crew of the Baltimore and men would have liked to send another party ashore better equipped. Of thirty-six American sailors arrested at the time of the fight, not one had a weapon more formidable than a sailor's jack-knife.

The correspondent says President Montt has given no special indication of any sympathy with the general ill-feeling in Chile against the United States. In a recent interview with the Associated Press correspondent, he expressed a hope that all difficulties would be settled amicably, as he did not believe the people of either nation desired trouble. He also expressed disapproval of the accusations and insinuations made against the American minister by certain Chileans in the United States, professing to speak for the Chilean government.

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

Andrew Bowers Claims He was Forced to Commit Bigamy at the Point of a Revolver.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.--Divorce proceedings out of the usual line were instituted in the circuit court to-day by Andrew J. Bowers, Mr. Bowers is a native of Richmond, Va. He asks the court to annul a marriage ceremony performed between him and Emma A. Bigelow, on the ground that at the time he was already married. He claims in his bill of complaint that he had to marry Miss Bigelow or be murdered, and that the fact that he had a wife at the time was known to Miss Bigelow and her family. The bill alleges that on Tuesday last while standing at Calvert and Lombard streets, Mr. Bowers was approached by the father and brother of Miss Bigelow, who compelled him at the point of a pistol to enter a carriage with them. They were driven to the house of the Bigelows. It is charged, where Mr. Bowers was placed in a room. The elder Bigelow kept guard with a pistol, it is claimed, while his son procured a marriage license for Mr. Bowers and Miss Bigelow and a minister to perform the ceremony.

The record of the court of common pleas shows that on the second of June last a license was issued for the marriage of Andrew J. Bowers, aged twenty-four, and Miss Bertha Koop, aged twenty. Last Tuesday a license was issued for the marriage of Andrew J. Bowers, aged twenty-four, and Miss Emma A. Bigelow, aged nineteen. No return to either license has been made by the minister.

Will Make Hay at the Fair.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.--What is said to be a concern organized for the purpose of dealing in Chicago real estate during the World's Fair was incorporated here yesterday under the name of the Washington Park Land Company, which is formed to purchase, improve, lease, or convey real estate business to be carried on in such states as the conduct of said business may require. The capital is \$35,000 divided into \$100 shares.

Will Test the Ballot Law.

HARRISBURG, PA., Dec. 23.--At a meeting the state executive committee of the prohibition party last night a committee was appointed to take the preliminary steps to test the constitutionality of the Baker ballot bill and report as soon as possible to Chairman Patton. June 1, 1892, was selected as the time and Scranton the place for the next state convention.

Storm Off the Coast of Washington.

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 23.--A heavy wind and rain storm prevailed on the sound yesterday, prostrating all telegraph wires for several hours. Rain fell in torrents and all streams rose rapidly. No serious damage to shipping was reported, but it is feared a number of vessels have been lost along the coast.

Walt Whitman's Condition.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 23.--Walt Whitman to-night is reported to be growing steadily weaker.

BADLY DISAPPOINTED.

The West Virginia Delegation Left Out in the Cold

IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF HONORS

By Speaker Crisp--Mr. Pendleton in the Worst Fix--He Was Depending on Getting a Chairmanship, Which Carries With It the Privilege of Appointing a Clerk, in Order to Do a Little Hedging--Congress Adjourns Until After New Year's--Washington News.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.--Evidently there is some disappointment in the West Virginia delegation. It is said that John O. Pendleton expected to get a committee chairmanship, but he didn't reach. His assignments are on the public lands and mining and mining committees, while Alderson, the other Crisp man in the delegation, goes on postoffices and post roads and private land claims.

Wilson, who was a Mills man, returns to the committee on ways and means, while Capehart becomes a member of the committee on labor and the committee on expenditures in the agricultural department. It is said that Mr. Alderson requested to be assigned to the postoffice committee. He has gone home. So has Capehart and Wilson.

The West Virginians say there is not the slightest possibility of Mr. Wilson accepting the college presidency to which he was elected by the Richmond college recently. He will remain in the house.

THE MOST DISAPPOINTED.

Probably the most disappointed man in the West Virginia delegation is John O. Pendleton, of the Wheeling district. He was counting on a chairmanship to enable him to do a little political hedging. These dispatches have already chronicled the fact that the one position placed at Mr. Pendleton's disposal by the doorkeeper of the house was given to Elmer H. Hursey, of Clarksburg. It is known that this appointment, while it may have pleased Mr. Pendleton's supporters in the southern end of the district, was not pleasing to those of the northern end, particularly the hustlers of Ohio county, who fully expected some recognition from Mr. Pendleton, when he came to dispense whatever patronage he might be entitled to.

Pendleton expected to get a chairmanship, which would entitle him to appoint a clerk at \$6 per day. This plum he intended to give to an Ohio county man as a sort of soothing dose to the boys who are inclined to kick over the fact that the first appointment went to a Republican county.

IT WON'T GO.

The fact that Pendleton has caused it to be understood that Barney Galligan, recently appointed to a nice position at the World's Fair headquarters through his influence, might possibly be considered as in the line of an attempt to smooth matters over with the Wheeling boys, in case they should express an inclination to kick over Hursey's appointment. But the World's Fair is not a political institution and Barney's place may not be regarded as a political plum. For this reason Mr. Pendleton particularly desired a place which would even matters up on account of the Hursey appointment. He did not get it and he is disappointed.

[Note--The full list of committee assignments will be found on third page of this morning's INTELLIGENCER.]

The Committees Analyzed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.--Of the ten Democratic members of the ways and means committee, all except Mr. Stevens, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Bryan, of Nebraska, who are in their first term in Congress, were members of the Fifteenth Congress, and of these eight members, all except Mr. Whiting, of Michigan, are recorded as voting for the Mills bill on its final passage. Mr. Whiting made several speeches favoring the clauses of the bill relating to wool and salt and upholding the tariff message of President Cleveland. He is one of fourteen members recorded as "not voting" on the final passage of the bill, and was probably paired in favor of the bill.

The five Republican members of the committee, of course, all voted against the bill, and in favor of the McKinley bill in the last Congress. Mr. Dabell, of Pennsylvania, is the new member of the committee from the Republican side of the house, and Messrs. McMillin, Turner and Wilson, (W. Va.) are the Democratic members who have in recent years been identified with tariff reform as members of the committee. The three Democratic members last named aided in framing the Mills bill. Mr. Springer, the chairman, has always voted for tariff reform measures, but has by published interviews recorded himself as in favor of passing specific bills to put a few articles on the freelist and against general revision of the tariff by the house at this session. A majority of his Democratic colleagues have stated in public that they were in favor of this line of policy at the present time.

A half dozen or more of the committees, principally those having consideration of matters of special interest in the West, are apparently larger in number of members than the rules provide, this being due to the fact that delegates from the territories who have no vote here in committee or in the house have been placed on the committees as extra members and their names not counted in figuring the vote of members to which each committee is entitled.

The committee on war claims is one short in membership, owing to the fact that the name of Mr. Halliwell, of Pennsylvania, was eliminated after the committee was made up, for the reason that Pennsylvania already had one member on the committee in the person of Mr. Boltzhoover, the chairman. No other name was substituted as was intended should be done.

Immediately on the adjournment of the house the speaker went to the Metropolitan Hotel and went to bed. He is worn out by his arduous labors, and at the same time suffering from a heavy cold. A few days' rest, it is believed, will restore him to health. His



Santa Claus Harrison's Christmas Gifts to West Virginia

sickness compelled him to abandon his proposed visit, on which he was to start to-night. He telegraphed to Mrs. Crisp, who was expecting him to come home.

The silver men are very well pleased with the constitution of the coinage committee and regard it as significant of the speaker's purpose to afford an opportunity for the passage of a free coinage measure.

The chairman, Mr. Bland, is the most pronounced Democratic advocate of silver in the house. The fact that Mr. Bartine heads the list of Republican members is another indication of the speaker's friendliness toward a liberal silver policy. One of the silver men on the committee said this afternoon that he had heard some intimations that Mr. Johnson, of North Dakota, was not to be classed as a free coinage man, but though without positive information on the subject, he expressed the belief that Mr. Johnson was favorable to free silver. Mr. Johnson himself could not be found.

IN CONGRESS.

A Very Short Session of Both Houses--Adjourned for the Holidays.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.--The Democratic sections of the house were this morning nearly filled with the members, upon whose faces there was a look of anxious expectancy and curiosity. Little groups gathered here and there discussing the probabilities and possibilities of the committee composition. Mr. Crisp was late in arriving at the capitol, being evidently desirous of escaping from the pressure for favorable assignments which would be brought upon him even in the eleventh hour. Everywhere there was an air of anxiety except among the Republican members, who gazed complacently around and now and then bantered some Democratic colleague who, according to rumor, would not be a favorite of fortune.

Mr. E. B. Meredith, representative-elect from the Eighth Virginia district, appeared and took the oath of office.

The speaker then announced the appointment of the various committees of the house, authorized under the rule agreed to Saturday last. The reading of the assignments was listened to attentively, but without any manifestation of approval or disapproval.

Mr. Meredith, of Virginia, announced the death of his predecessor, W. H. Lee, and as a mark of respect the house adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 5.

In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.--In the absence of the Vice President, Mr. Manderson occupied the chair. Among the bills introduced and referred were the following:

By Mr. Sherman, to amend the Nicaragua ship canal act.

By Mr. Gibson, of Louisiana, making an appropriation for improving the harbor of New Orleans.

Two messages from the President of the United States were presented, read and appropriately referred--one as to the arrangement and operation of electric wires in the District of Columbia, and the other as to a uniform usage by all the departments of the government in the spelling of geographical names.

After a short executive session the senate, at 12:40, adjourned till Tuesday, January 5.

Secretary Elkins in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.--Secretary Elkins arrived in Washington this evening and went at once to the Shoreham Hotel. He will call on the President to-morrow morning, and will then arrange his future plans.

West Virginia Pensioners.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.--West Virginia pensioners: Original--John W. Keller, Jos. R. Wheeler, Samuel A. Slater, Wm. Barnes, Franklin Manning, Chas. Allen, Benj. F. Lake, Allen Thornton, Wm. Fride, Paul Weitzell, Thos. M. Starkoy, Lafayette Mitchell. Additional--Washington Lane, John F. McWilliams. Supplemental--Jas. E. Chambers. Release--David Price. Original widow, &c.--Elizabeth Slaughter.

West Virginia Postmaster.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.--A. P. Wheeler has been appointed postmaster at Talcott, Summers county, vice A. Kincaide, resigned.

A Noted Doctor Dead.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 23.--Dr. R. A. Kinloch, the most prominent surgeon in the state, dean of the faculty of the South Carolina Medical College, of this city, died this afternoon.

LYING IN STATE.

The Remains of Preston D. Plumb Arrive in Kansas.

HONORS TO THE DEAD STATESMAN

Paid by His Fellow Citizens at Topeka. The G. A. R. Escorts the Body from the Train--It is Taken to the Capitol Where Thousands of People Look Upon the Casket for the Last Time.

TOPEKA, KAN., Dec. 23.--The train bearing the remains of the late Senator Preston D. Plumb, was three hours late, the delay having been caused by a hitch in Kansas City. The streets and sidewalks along the line of march to the capitol building, where the obsequies took place, were packed with people. Business houses and private residences were profusely draped in mourning, and business was entirely suspended. On the arrival of the train the casket was transferred to the funeral car, and escorted by the four G. A. R. posts, and Company C, K. N. G., forming a hollow square, the procession moved towards the capitol. Arriving at the capitol, the casket was conveyed to the senate chamber, where it was handsomely decorated, and being placed in position, was viewed by thousands of people.

The streets along the line of march were thronged with spectators, citizens of Topeka and the people of Kansas who had been arriving all morning on special trains from all parts of the state. The crowds were enormous, being estimated to contain fully fifty thousand people. The capitol was thronged to suffocation, and it was some time before the casket could be forced through the crowd. The casket having been placed in position the lid was removed and the waiting throngs were permitted to look upon the features of the dead senator. The children were first admitted, after then the members of the procession in their order, and then the people at large. The body lay in state for three hours.

Death in the Fog.

LONDON, Dec. 23.--A deep fog prevailed in Yorkshire yesterday. All traffic had to be suspended. In Leeds two men lost their lives in consequence of the fog. One of them accidentally walked into the river, and the other accidentally walked off a bridge into the water, and both were drowned.

Field a Lunatic.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 23.--The case of E. M. Field was before Commissioner in Lunacy Robertson to-day, and after testimony of a number of witnesses had been heard, the jury returned a verdict declaring Edward M. Field a lunatic and not responsible for his actions.

Mr. Field's Condition.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.--The condition of Mr. Cyrus W. Field is considered more hopeful to-day than it has been for some time past. He was able to sit up and take a little nourishment. His family now have no fears of any immediate danger.

The Barnaby-Graves Trial.

DENVER, COLO., Dec. 23.--In the Barnaby-Graves trial to-day the defense opened its case by placing Edward Field and Col. Daniel Ballou, the latter of counsel for the defense, on the stand. Their testimony was very tame, nothing new being brought out.

The Biggest on Record.

Yesterday being a rainy, miserable day, it was not to be supposed that business would show up well in comparison with past years when the weather was decent, at least. Nevertheless I. G. Dillon & Co. made a record that was never equaled in their establishment before on the second day before Christmas. Their sales ran more than a thousand dollars ahead of the same day last year. Lots of fine good were sold to Wheeling people and others, there being diamond customers from Pittsburgh and many other distant towns. The members of the firm are enthusiastic over this result, and propose if it is at all possible, to make today's business still greater in excess of any past year. To accomplish this they have resolved to make the prices suit everybody. Nobody will be allowed to leave the store on account of price, and of course nobody can fail to be suited with the large stock they offer. This is a rare opportunity to purchase goods at favorable prices, and ought to be generally embraced.

Wedding at Benwood.

A very pretty wedding took place yesterday about 4 o'clock at Father McMenamin's parlors at Benwood. The contracting parties were Miss Mollie Grates and James Brannen.

The bride, a charming young lady, was becomingly dressed in brown satin, with hat and gloves to match. The groom is a well known and respected young man, an employee of the Wheeling steel works.

An excellent supper and a reception was given at the bride's home on Water street.

The Benwood Steel Plants.

The employees of the Wheeling steel works held a meeting Tuesday evening, at which it was decided that they would not work Thursday night and Friday. A committee was appointed to report at the company's office.

As a result work will be discontinued this afternoon, to be resumed Monday. The Riverside steel works will quit work to-day for a time until the scale is signed and a considerable amount of repairing done.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, rain, easterly winds; cooler by Friday morning. For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, threatening weather and rain; westerly winds, becoming variable; stationary temperature, except slightly cooler in southern portion of Western Pennsylvania and Ohio. There are indications that severe local storms will occur in the central and upper Ohio Valley.

TEMPERATURE WEDNESDAY.

As furnished by C. SCHREYER, draughtsman, Opera House corner.

7 a. m.	32	7 p. m.	32
10 a. m.	32	10 p. m.	37
12 m.	32	Weather--Rain.	